

## AMENDMENT

Amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

### In the Claims:

This following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A power wheelchair comprising:

a frame;

a pair of drive wheels, each wheel having an axis of rotation;

two drive assemblies, each ~~including a motor and a transmission~~ for driving a respective drive wheel;

a pair of motor support brackets, each motor support bracket attached to ~~each~~ a drive assembly, each motor support bracket being pivotally attached to the frame such that the bracket and drive assembly combination can pivot with respect to the frame, the drive assembly being attached to the motor support bracket such that the drive assembly extends upward and rearward from the bracket;

a spring suspension assembly attached to the motor support bracket forward of the attachment of the drive assembly, the spring suspension assembly being attached to the frame;[[.]]

at least one ground-engaging idler wheel connected to the frame in front of said drive wheels; and

at least one anti-tip wheel positioned above ground in a normal resting state of the wheelchair and connected to one drive assembly such that pivoting of the drive assembly produces movement of the anti-tip wheel toward or away from the ground.

2. (Original) A power wheelchair according to claim 1, further comprising a second anti-tip wheel, each anti-tip wheel being connected to respective drive assembly.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) A power wheelchair according to claim 3, wherein the frame includes at least two longitudinal beams, each longitudinal beam having an upright support attached to it, and a crossbar connecting each upright support, and wherein the spring suspension assembly includes at least one coil spring disposed between each upright support and the motor support bracket.

6. (Original) A power wheelchair according to claim 3, wherein the frame includes at least two longitudinal beams, each longitudinal beam having an upright support attached to it, and a crossbar connecting each upright support, and wherein the spring suspension assembly includes two spring-strut assemblies, each including a strut and an upper and lower coil spring, the lower end of the strut being attached to the motor support bracket, the upright support having an upright bracket assembly through which the strut extends, and wherein the upper coil spring is located above the upright bracket assembly and the lower spring is located between the upright bracket assembly and the motor support bracket.

7. (Currently Amended) A power wheelchair comprising:

a frame;

a pair of ground contacting drive wheels disposed on opposite lateral sides of the frame;

a pair of drive assemblies, ~~each including a motor and a transmission~~, each drive assembly engaged with and adapted to drive a respective drive wheel;

a pair of motor support brackets, one on each side of the frame and pivotally attached to the frame, one drive assembly ~~being~~ mounted to each motor support bracket such that at least a portion ~~the motor~~ of the drive assembly extends upward and rearward from the bracket;

a pair of springs, each spring being disposed between the frame and an associated motor support bracket so as to counter-act pivoting of the motor support bracket;

at least one ground contacting idler wheel disposed at the front of the frame; and

at least one anti tip idler wheel mounted ~~rearwardly to the rear~~ of the pivotal attachment of the bracket to the frame, the anti-tip idler wheel being positioned off the ground when the wheelchair is resting on level ground, the anti-tip idler wheel ~~being~~ attached to one drive assembly/motor support bracket combination such that the anti-tip wheel rotates in the same direction about the pivot as the drive assembly/motor support bracket combination.

8. (Original) A power wheelchair according to claim 7, wherein the at least one anti-tip idler wheel is connected to the motor support bracket.

9. (Original) A power wheelchair according to claim 7, wherein the at least one anti-tip idler wheel is connected to the drive assembly.

10. (Currently Amended) A power wheelchair according to claim 7, wherein there are two anti-tip idler wheels, one ~~of the~~ anti-tip idler wheels being mounted on either side of said frame and attached to a respective drive assembly/motor support bracket combination.

11. (Original) A power wheelchair according to claim 7, wherein the drive assemblies are attached to the motor support bracket forward of the pivotal attachment to the frame.

12. (Original) A power wheelchair according to claim 7, further comprising a second pair of springs, the first pair of springs counter-act pivoting of the motor support bracket in a first direction and the second pair of springs counter-acting pivoting of the motor support bracket in a second, opposite direction.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) A power wheelchair according to claim 7, wherein there are two front idler wheels, one proximate to each lateral side of the frame.

15. (Currently Amended) A power wheelchair according to claim 7, wherein the frame includes at least two longitudinal beams, each longitudinal beam having an upright support ~~attached to it~~, and a crossbar connecting each upright support, and wherein the springs are coil springs disposed between each upright support and the motor support bracket.

16. (Currently Amended) The power wheelchair of claim 7, wherein the frame includes at least two longitudinal beams, each longitudinal beam having an upright support ~~attached to it~~, and a crossbar connecting each upright support, and wherein there are two sets of springs, each set of springs including a strut, the lower end of the strut ~~being~~ attached to the motor support bracket, each upright support having an upright bracket assembly through which the strut extends, and wherein one of the springs in each set is located above the upright bracket assembly and the other spring is located between the upright bracket assembly and the motor support bracket.

17. (New) A vehicle comprising:

a frame;

a pair of drive wheels positioned on opposing sides of the frame and normally engaging the ground, each drive wheel having an axis of rotation positioned transverse to the frame;

at least one ground-engaging idler wheel connected to the frame in front of said drive wheels;

a pair of drive assemblies, each drive assembly rotating a respective drive wheel about its axis of rotation for propulsion of the vehicle, each drive assembly pivotally attached to the frame, and at least a portion of the drive assembly extending rearwardly from the pivot at an upward angle with respect to the plane of the ground surface; and

at least one anti-tip wheel fixedly attached to one drive assembly and extending rearwardly therefrom such that pivoting of the drive assembly about its pivotal attachment to the frame produces a corresponding pivotal movement of the anti-tip wheel.

18. (New) The vehicle as claimed in claim 17, wherein the pivotal mounting of the drive assembly is positioned rearward of the corresponding drive wheel axis.

19. (New) The vehicle as claimed in claim 17 further comprising a support bracket attached to the motor assembly, at least a portion of the bracket extending forwardly of the pivotal attachment to the frame, and further comprising a resilient strut fixedly attached at one end to the bracket and at an opposing end to the frame, the strut resiliently biasing the movement of the drive wheels about the pivotal mounting.

20. (New) The vehicle as claimed in claim 17, further comprising at least one battery for powering the drive assemblies, the battery supported on the frame at a position substantially rearward of the drive wheel axis.

21. (New) The vehicle as claimed in claim 17 wherein each of the drive assemblies comprises a linearly positioned electric motor and transmission combination, and a drive shaft extending transverse to the linear combination, the drive shaft driving the rotation of the drive wheel.

22. (New) The vehicle as claimed in claim 17, wherein the pivotal attachment of the drive assembly to the frame permits the moment create by the torque of the drive assembly in driving the respective drive wheel to rotate the anti-tip wheel about the pivotal mounting.